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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 1652**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 2951

Altenbuchner *et al.*

Application No.: 10/045,063

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: January 15, 2002

Examiner: M. N. Rao

Title: Recombinant L-N-Carbamoylase from *Anthrobacter Aurescens* and Method of  
Producing L-Amino Acids Therewith

May 16, 2005

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action mailed February 16, 2005, in which the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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